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3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said computer network is the internet and/or any direct electronic link.
4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the prospective user has an email-based client application for accessing the IM system.
5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the prospective user has a GSM device forming part of a GSM network for accessing the IM system.

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7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said client specific address is sourced from an email or SMS message sent to the email address of said IM server.
8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said specific address is sourced from an email or SMS message sent to the email address of a registered user on said IM server.
9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said email or SMS message is sent by said prospective server.
10. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said client specific address is sourced from a message sent to said IM server from a registered user of said IM system, on any client type accessible to said IM server.

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13. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said computer network is the internet and/or any direct electronic link.
14. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the prospective user has an email-based client application for accessing the IM system.

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